

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Trading With Russia

THE evidence is now overwhelming that the Russians are in earnest about their stated aim of increasing their imports from Britain. The £16m. worth of contracts just signed in Moscow are only a beginning. There is considerably more than this immediately in the offing—the latest figure given is of £48m. of business currently under negotiation with the representatives of British firms now in Russia—and the Soviet Minister for Foreign Trade, Mr. Kabanov, has given an estimate of £400m. as the total value of the British goods that he would like to buy over a three-year period. Even if a generous deduction is made from this figure for those goods which cannot be sold to the Russians under the present system of strategic controls, the amount left over makes an impressive total. Mr. Honthorn-Amory has suggested that there might be as much as £170m.-£180m. of non-strategic items in the lists of goods which Mr. Kabanov has stated that he wants to buy from Britain.

THAT would represent about £80m. a year over the three-year period—or some \$60m. more than in the peak post-war year for exports of British goods to Russia, in 1950. The question is: Where could Russia find the necessary foreign exchange to pay for so large an increase in her sterling purchases? After all, last year, when Russia's imports of British manufactured goods were down to £8.3m., her sterling earnings were not enough to pay for the food and raw materials that she bought from the rest of the sterling area; and she had to sell a sizable quantity of gold. Is it to be inferred that the Russians are now preparing to meet the whole of the bill for the extra British goods that they wish to buy in gold?

THIS is a possible conclusion, but on the face of it not a very likely one. An alternative conclusion is that here is the proof that the Russians never meant the Kabanov offer seriously; it was only a propaganda move. There is no final proof yet either way; but the figures by themselves do not justify the sceptical view. Russia's shortage of sterling last year was mainly due to two factors: a rise in purchases of food and other commodities from the outer sterling area, combined with a sharp drop in the main staple export, grain, to the United Kingdom. Nevertheless, Russia managed, by increasing her exports of other items to Britain to reach a total of close on £40m. (c.i.f.) for the year. If in the future the Russians were able to add to that the price of a million tons of grain—the quantity which they sent in earlier post-war years—there would be scope for a very considerable increase in their imports from the United Kingdom, without any excessive strain on their gold supplies. It seems, indeed, that the best way to interpret Russia's real trading intentions is to see what she does with her grain during the next year.

Labour Party Split: Attlee Wins Narrow Victory

DULLES TO DEFEND BIG 4 DECISION

Washington, Feb. 24. The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, will today defend in a nation-wide broadcast the Big Four agreement for a conference with Communist China on Korea and Indo-China.

Without waiting for a full exposition by Mr. Dulles of the decision made by the Big Four at Berlin for such conference, the Republican Party leader in the Senate, Senator William Knowland, of California, on Monday launched into a warning against the dangers of a "Far Eastern Munich" and expressed misgivings about the implications of the Berlin decisions.

Senator Knowland and other critics do not object to Communist China taking part in a Korean political conference at Geneva as a Korean war belligerent in accordance with the Korean armistice provisions. But what disturbs them is the prospect of a Chinese Communist Foreign Minister discussing the problem of security in Indo-China with the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four as if they were one of the great powers entitled to sit on a global discussion of threats to world peace and international problems generally.

NOT EXPLICIT
Although the status of Communist China was not explicitly defined in the Berlin communiqué, this is precisely the picture which is being presented to the world by Moscow and Peking. Many feel that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, at Berlin gained to that extent a major propaganda victory.

The fact that the Big Four, including the Soviet Union, specifically stated in the Berlin communiqué that the Chinese Communist participation in the conference did not involve diplomatic recognition only partially removed this objection. It is pointed out that the Chinese Communists will be represented at the Indo-China conference neither as a belligerent nor as a branded aggressor, and is thus given a respectability which is distasteful to many in Congress.

Senator Knowland also received the position previously taken by Mr. Dulles himself before the Berlin conference that Communist China should "earn" its place at any non-Korean conference by showing its willingness to negotiate reasonably at the Korean political conference.

The Eisenhower administration answer to this is that the agreement to an Indo-China conference with Communist Chinese participation is a concession to French desires for some move towards an Indo-Chinese settlement.—China Mail Special.

Invitation To Spaniards

Gibraltar, Feb. 23. The Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Gordon MacMillan, tonight invited any Spaniard who wanted to see Queen Elizabeth to visit Gibraltar during the Royal tour in May.

He said in a broadcast the frontier with Spain would not be closed for the Royal visit and there would be a "warm welcome" for any Spaniard, especially those who work in such close harmony with us in Gibraltar.

(Last month, there were several anti-British demonstrations in Spain over the Queen's visit to Gibraltar, which Spain claims should be returned to her.)
Sir Gordon MacMillan said tonight there were "no motives" behind the Royal visit and normal security precautions had been taken by police, military and security forces to ensure the Queen's safety.—Reuter.

British Army Sergeant's Offence

Singapore, Feb. 24. A British Army sergeant was reduced to the ranks and sentenced to nine months' detention, when he pleaded guilty before a court martial here yesterday to charges of stealing stamps from two official letters on December 11 last year and exchanged them for money.

The prosecutor told the court that Sgt. Leslie Horace Nicholas of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at GHQ field records here, while acting as duty sergeant, entered the post orderly's room and removed stamps from two letters, one of which was addressed to the Under-Secretary of State for War in London. Admitting the offence, Sgt. Nicholas said in a statement that he had thrown the contents of the envelopes into a waste paper bag.

The defending officer submitted that Sgt. Nicholas was trying to settle debts stacked up by his young wife who was irresponsible in money matters. He said the wife ran up big bills and on one occasion shortly before the offence had a M450 half term when neither she nor Sgt. Nicholas had the money to pay for it.

The defence said Sgt. Nicholas was due for home leave on December 23, but a few days before his ship was due to sail, he received a \$300 grocery bill and another of \$90 from a tailor. He remained behind while his wife sailed for home, it was stated.

Before the sentence was passed, Sgt. Nicholas, who appeared in court in a wheelchair because of a broken leg sustained from a rugby match, said: "Whatever the sentence I will start afresh and try to make a better go of it."—United Press.

MPs DECIDE TO BACK GERMAN REARMAMENT

London, Feb. 23. The British Parliamentary Labour Party decided grudgingly tonight to back German rearmament in a Western defence system.

Thus they acknowledged the failure of Russia and the Western powers to come to terms over Germany's future at the Berlin conference.

But the majority of nine in favour of the official resolution supporting the plan was so narrow—113 votes to 104—that it amounted to defeat rather than victory for the Party leadership under Mr. Clement Attlee.

Earlier an amendment put forward by Mr. Aneurin Bevan's left-wingers urging postponement of German rearmament pending further East-West efforts to achieve agreement on Germany was defeated in an even closer vote—by 111 to 109.

The proposal made by the official Socialist leaders was put twice to a crowded, private meeting of Labour members of Parliament, and on a first vote received a majority of two.

On a second vote, the leaders' motion won the day by eight votes. The vote came as the climax of a bitter two-hour clash on the problem of Germany's future.

The leaders' proposal was strenuously resisted by Mr. Bevan's left-wing adherents and other Party elements who desired German rearmament to be stalled until Russia and the Western Allies make further attempts to achieve a unified Germany.

But official leaders, headed by Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, were determined to crystallise Labour's policy on Germany before Wednesday, when the House opens a two-day debate on the Berlin Foreign Ministers' conference.

Mr. Attlee, Mr. Herbert Morrison, his Deputy and former Labour Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Socialist "old guard" made the case for accepting the principle of a Western defence.

MAIN ARGUMENT
The main argument was the failure of the Berlin conference to settle Germany's future nullified by an official resolution passed last year by Labour members opposing German rearmament until further East-West efforts had been made to get a unified Germany.

Tonight's meeting was behind closed doors but it was leaked afterwards it showed fully the extent to which Labour opinion is torn and fragmented towards a German issue.

The Bevanite line presented the most clear-cut opposition to the leaders' proposals, but opposition came also from a number of trade union and some moderate members, some "right wingers" and a few pacifists.

One group favoured an agreed settlement on the basis of all-German elections, but with Germany renouncing any part in the European Defence Community.



Men With Rifle Try To Interview Eisenhower

Palm Springs, Calif., Feb. 23. Police arrested and took a rifle from two men who attempted to see President Eisenhower here today, but a spokesman denied that there had been a plot against the President's life.

The spokesman, Mr. James Hagerly, Presidential Press Secretary, told reporters about the arrest. He said there was "no indication at all" that the men had plotted an assassination.

The two men had been charged with vagrancy, he said. It was Mr. Hagerly who said there had been a report of an attempt on the President's life, but then he added: "That is completely inaccurate."

Mr. Hagerly called reporters to a news conference to tell them about the arrest. He said the incident took place in the middle of the afternoon, a few hours before the President was due to leave for Washington by air after a holiday here.

Mr. Hagerly said two men, who had been "drinking quite a bit," drove to the gate of Smoke Tree Ranch, where the President and Mrs. Eisenhower have been staying since last Wednesday.

Mr. Hagerly identified the men as Carl Kinsey and John Ortega, an American Indian. They wanted to see the President, who had just returned to the ranch from a nearby golf course.

Hongkong At The Seattle Trade Fair



More than 20 Hongkong firms are participating in the display of local goods in the Colony's stand at the Seattle Trade Fair. These two pictures have just been received from the fair by the Governor. Top shows Miss Carol Boelche, a Hongkong girl whose parents live in Conduit Road, and who is studying at the Seattle University, showing toys to Mal Mul and Brian Chow, children of two leading Chinese citizens in Seattle; and opposite, Mal Mul Chow displays a Hongkong-made doll.

Disturbing Communiqué

Vatican City, Feb. 23. All Vatican City expressed concern over the communiqué on the health of Pope Pius XII issued today in the Osservatore Romano.

Observers noticed that for the first time, the expression illness was used instead of indisposition. The announcement that the illness was evolving more slowly was taken to mean that the improvement previously mentioned had stopped. The age of the Pope (80) and the fact that he had been fed artificially for about a month was also pointed out with concern by all Vatican circles.—France-Press.

NOT OF INTEREST

London, Feb. 23. Communist regimes in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland have forbidden the spreading of news about the Pope's health, claiming it is of "no interest to the working class."—Vatican Radio said today.

Post Offices behind the "Iron Curtain" will not accept telegrams to the Pope and letters sent to the Catholic clergy are being censored by the Communists, the broadcast said.

Even in Yugoslavia Cardinal Stepinac was not allowed to send a telegram to the Pope, the Radio added.—Reuter.

Fence Thrown Around Town

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 23. Britain's anti-terrorist forces have thrown a fence around the 20,000 population gold-mining town of Raub to stop disloyal citizens giving food to local terrorists.

Rigid food restrictions have been imposed in the town and a house curfew from midnight till 6 a.m. is in force.

Malay police and home guards patrols are on 24-hour duty at road blocks.

All last week's surrender leaflets were dropped in the surrounding jungle.



McCarthy Telecast Lambasted By Critics

London, Feb. 23. United States Senator Joseph McCarthy appeared on British television last night in an excerpt from a film of one of his televised hearings—and today he was thoroughly lambasted by newspaper critics.

Without exception, those who wrote of the programme were highly critical of it.

The programme, seen by about eight million viewers, was an investigation by Senator McCarthy and his Committee of a middle-aged American Government official named Reed Harris, who resigned soon after the hearing.

Fred Cudlipp, formerly editor of the Labour Daily Herald wrote in Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard: "The resemblance to a political trial behind the Iron Curtain was uncanny."

"Sound radio could never convey so vividly to British readers the frightening significance of the McCarthy cancer."

"FULL HORROR"
Cudlipp said that Harris 21 years ago wrote a book of the commercialisation of American football, "but according to McCarthy's viewpoint, certain passages showed a leaning towards Communism."

The Liberal evening paper, the Star, said: "It is a good thing that British viewers have been able to see for themselves the full horror of a McCarthy witch hunt actually in progress."

"McCarthy's methods are about as democratic as those of the Communists themselves. What he is doing is something even worse than the lowering of America's good name in the world."

"How much longer can the land of the free tolerate such things—the hallmarks of Communism and Fascism alike?"

James Thomas in the Star's morning states the News Chronicle, commented: "It was hard to believe that one was watching an everyday event in the public life of a democrat."

"It was highly instructive, but not very pretty."—China Mail Special.

STILL AT IT

Washington, Feb. 23. Senator Joseph McCarthy continued his Communist hunting campaign against the United States Army today by calling a witness who said she knew of a Communist Party member now handling "top secret messages" as an army code room employee.

The witness was an undercover agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mrs. Mary Markward, who told the Permanent Senate Investigations Committee that she was a former Communist Party official herself.

She named the army code room employee as Annie Lee Moss.

The Republican Senator has accused the Army of "coddling Communists" and is currently in open dispute with the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Stevens.

Senator McCarthy had promised he would produce new revelations of another "known Communist" in the Army.

He called today's meeting on short notice after postponing until Thursday another session at which Mr. Stevens was to appear. The meeting was the first in which Democrat members of the Sub-committee participated since they temporarily left the group in a quarrel with the Senator last July.—Reuter.

Trade With Russia: MPs' Warning

London, Feb. 23. Members of all three parties in the House of Commons warned the Government today that if export licences were refused for goods sought by Russia, other countries would supply the same goods.

Mr. Cyril Osborne, a Conservative member, pressed Mr. Derick Heathcoat-Amory, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, to say whether licences would be granted for machine tools worth £3,500,000 ordered by Russia.

Mr. Osborne declared that if these orders were not met by Britain, they would be supplied by Sweden and Switzerland.

He also asked the Minister to give an assurance that licences would be granted for £1,000,000 worth of diesel engines which would otherwise be supplied by Germany.

Mr. Heathcoat-Amory replied that some machine tools came into the embargo list category (strategic) which the Western countries have agreed not to send to the Soviet bloc.

He added that "further consideration" of the machine tool orders was necessary and exact details were awaited. Much the same applied to diesel equipment, although he hoped that a "substantial proportion" of the Russian orders would be found to be "fall right" within the embargo list.

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Here is Roy Rogers, the film star "King of the Cowboys", photographed with his wife, Dale Evans "Queen of the West" in traditional cowboy costume on their arrival at London airport recently. They are on a variety tour which opened in Glasgow last week.—Central Press.

30,000 Young Gangs Believed Operating In USA

Juvenile crime, always a serious problem in the United States, has become the nation's gravest social problem. Authorities estimate that no fewer than 30,000 young gangs create disturbances and set up reigns of terror, according to report from New York.

Police in many areas admit that they are almost helpless in their efforts to check the growing menace.

Even the Federal Government, who normally do not concern themselves with crime because it is considered a state or town problem, are watching the situation with concern.

SCHOOLS SCHEME

One proposal believed to be under consideration is to set up schools throughout the country for underprivileged or irresponsible children.

These institutions, it is reported, could accommodate 100,000 youths considered in need of immediate preventive treatment, and would be similar to the Boys Town institution.

M. Guingoin was charged with having participated with 14 other persons in a meeting in 1945, which resulted in the murder of the peasant couple.

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Sweeping Promises At Recent ECAFE Meeting

Moscow, Feb. 23.

Soviet newspapers have been spotlighting Russia's declared willingness to give technical assistance to the under-developed countries of Asia.

Prominence was given to reports of a meeting of the Industry and Trade Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), at which the Soviet delegate announced sweeping promises to give advice and study facilities to Asian countries.

Asian specialists were invited to Russia to study production of iron and steel mills, the production and use of brown coal, and electrification and hydro-electric techniques.

The Soviet press contrasted these promises with the charge that "developed capitalist countries such as the United States and Britain were not at all interested in the industrial development of Asia and the Far East."

Russia's entry into the United Nations technical assistance field followed announcements indicating that the Soviet Union had already embarked on an extensive "aid" programme for China and other Communist countries, under which Soviet experts and blueprints will be made available for development projects.

Soviet readiness to receive Asians at Soviet factories also followed a visit to Moscow by Dr. Hui Kien-tung, Director of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, who came here in January to discuss a Soviet offer of 1,000,000 dollars (about £330,000 sterling) for United Nations aid funds.

An announcement is expected shortly on the results of Dr. Kien-tung's one-week mission as the personal representative of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General.

RUSSIAN OFFERS

Soviet delegate E. M. Volkov told the United Nations Economic Commission meeting in Kandy, Ceylon, that Russian offers to Asia were proposed within the framework of United Nations technical aid funds. They were:

1. Advanced Soviet technical experience in ferrous metallurgy might be "extremely valuable for a number of countries of Asia and the Far East which are faced with the task of building up their own iron and steel industry." The Soviet Government was ready to consider requests by Asian countries to send specialists to Russia to study production and technical equipment of iron and steel mills.

2. Russia would also consider arranging a visit by Asian experts to study Soviet production and utilisation of brown coal (lignite).

3. Russia was ready to give Asian and Far Eastern countries technical assistance in the use of their water and fuel resources for electrification of agriculture.

4. Russia would consider Asian requests to send specialists to the Soviet Union to study methods of constructing and operating electric stations. The Soviet delegate declared that the Soviet Union and the East European Communist countries could export industrial and transport equipment and agricultural machinery to Asia and would at the same time "ensure a stable and adequate market for the traditional export goods of the Asian and Far Eastern countries."—China Mail Special.

Gestapo Chiefs Accused Of War Crimes

Paris, Feb. 23.

The reading of the 300-odd pages indictment against former Gestapo chiefs in Paris. Karl Oberg and Helmut Kuehnen, was continued in the Paris military court, when their trial was resumed today.

The two men did not blink when some of the worst crimes of which they stand accused, tortures, death, and deportation of thousands of French resistance workers including the first underground President of the National Council of the Resistance, Jean Moulin, were recalled.

After a long legal argument, the court rejected a request from Oberg, who claimed he did not understand French, although he was said to have spoken it fairly fluently.

This morning, the French Cabinet had authorised the prosecution to call the Deputy Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, as witness. Mr. Reynaud was deported to Germany during the occupation.—France-Press.

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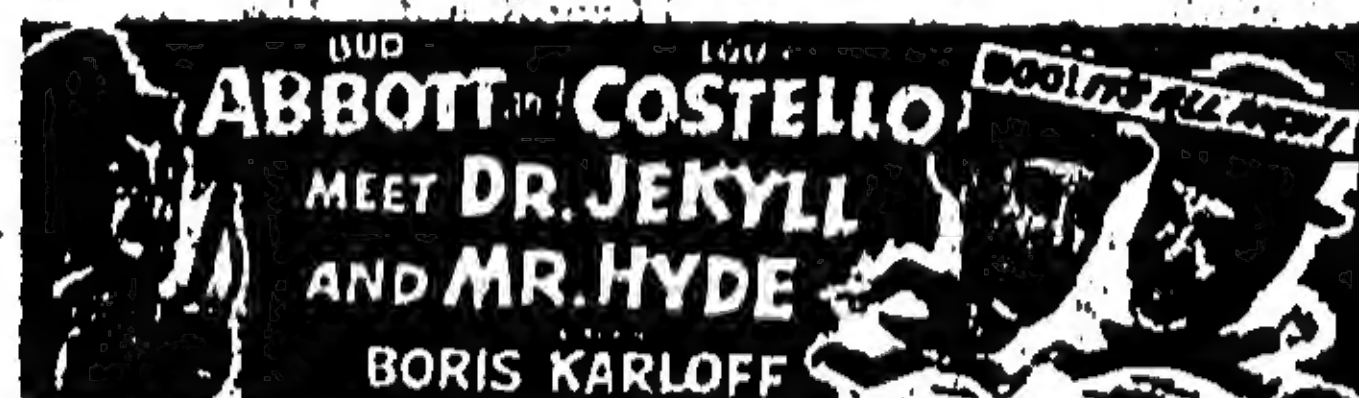


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BRITAIN'S SECRET PLAN TO HELP FRANCE

Associations With Proposed European Army

Paris, Feb. 23.

The French and British Governments have unofficially agreed to keep secret the details of British association with the future European Army until just before the French Parliament is ready to vote on ratification of the EDC, it was learned in usually well-informed quarters today.

Officials explained that premature disclosure might result in destructive criticism by treaty foes. The British plan was designed to create a favourable impression among members of the French Assembly and encourage them to vote for ratification.

In French Parliamentary quarters, this psychological shock plan was regarded as something of a damp squib. All information from London to date shows that Britain would not surrender her unqualified right to withdraw her troops from the Continent whenever she thought that necessary, and would in no way accept the control of the supranational authority of the European Army.

The French think that in the circumstances, Britain's association with EDC is insufficient to prevent German domination inside the European Army organisation.

Treaty critics are prepared for some attractive sounding of new formulas, but do not believe there will be any substance in them. Thus they expect that Britain will announce her willingness to "integrate" the command of her troops on the Continent with the command of the European Army, but of course, only for as long as the British Government sees fit to keep these troops in Europe.

They also think there will be a promise to "have full prior consultation" with the EDC authorities or NATO before withdrawing troops from the Continent, but point out that "full prior consultation" is only a way of doing exactly what you like in a polite manner.

Meanwhile, they recall the fact remains that France is asked to bind herself to abandon full control of her armies for 50 years, while Germany, if unified, would again have her hands free.

TREMENDOUS INTEREST

Gaullist Deputy Diemede Catroux told Reuters tonight: "I have read with tremendous interest the Daily Mirror's demand for Britain to join EDC. The Mirror is quite right. The only satisfactory form of British association is for her to sign the treaty in the same way as the other six nations have done."

"It is nice of the British Government to try to help some of the French Parliamentarians get over their scruples about voting for ratification, but unless Britain comes in on full terms, we propose to do

everything we can to keep France out too."

The French Foreign Minister M. Georges Bidault, told Cabinet this morning he did not consider ratification of the EDC should wait until the outcome of the five-power conference in Geneva.

But the Cabinet did not discuss any date for the ratification debate.

POSTPONEMENT LIKELY

The real decision lies in the hands of the National Assembly. The latter is more than likely to postpone the debate until after the Geneva talks have ended.

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Commissions of the Assembly will normally take two months to discuss the treaty before it is ready for a general debate. Furthermore, the agenda of the Assembly is very full until Easter and it would require a special effort of the treaty protagonists to get the Assembly to find time for a debate before then.

The Assembly is much more interested in the chances of peace in Indo-China. It was decided today to start a debate on March 5 on the proposal for an armistice in Indo-China. This means that the whole Indo-China question will be debated at length, probably for many days.

M. Bidault reportedly assured the Cabinet that Mr. Molotov had agreed that in Geneva, Korea and Indo-China would be discussed at the same time.—Reuters.

Plans To Watch Eclipse Of The Sun

Special tests have been made on the type of aircraft which will be used by 60 British astronomers to watch the eclipse of the sun in Sweden on June 30, according to reports from London.

As the observers crowd to one side of the aeroplanes to watch the eclipse, the pilot will fly with that side banked up, giving a two and a half-minute view.

All passengers will see the eclipse in comfort.

Mr C. A. G. Bearpark, member of the British Astronomical Association, who has helped to arrange the trip, said: "There will be about 180 going by sea and about 60 by air to Gothenburg."

TWO WOMEN

"The party will include two women, one of whom is a well-known amateur astronomer."

"The sea trip is practically booked up. But there are still some vacancies for the aircraft. We have been re-allocating them to amateur and professional astronomers but if there are any vacancies unfilled we may offer them to the public."

Mr. Bearpark emphasised that it will not be a joy ride but a serious scientific expedition.

Although it would not be possible to do any serious scientific recording on the aeroplanes during the eclipse, for which a special hour's flight from Gothenburg above the clouds has been arranged, reports would be distributed after the event.

PLAN

This Is What The Queen Saw At Bondi



Surf life-savers march up to the Queen's dais during the royal visit to Bondi Beach, Sydney. This was the highlight of the surf carnival, in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, sitting amid a vast concourse of people in summer clothes, were so interested that they overstayed their time.—Express Photo.

"Let's Counteract Russian Propaganda"

US Senator Wants To Drop Food Into Soviet Satellites From Balloons

Washington, Feb. 23.

Senator Paul H. Douglas today proposed a \$2,000,000 "balloon offensive" to carry messages and packets of surplus food across the Iron Curtain into the Russian satellites.

Remains Of "Ape-like Ancestors" Found

More evidence for one of the claimants to the title of man's oldest and most ape-like ancestor has come from a limestone deposit near a place called Potgietersrus in the Central Transvaal.

It is based on the discovery of a female lower jaw of Australopithecus Promethus—a creature whose existence is suggested by the discovery of a fossilized tooth which has been the first to use fire.

Professor Raymond Dart, of the University of Witwatersrand, who has reported the discovery in the current issue of "Nature," says the relic is unique, as the only one so far known with a set of incisor, canine, pre-molar and molar teeth which have not been warped or dislocated by the processes of fossilisation.

Unfortunately about a third of the jaw was blasted away before it was picked up last year on a limestone dump by Mr. Alan Hughes, a senior technician in the anatomy department at Witwatersrand.

However, the jaw-arch or dental arcade of the remainder shows the characteristic human curve, and is not oblong or ape-like. Most palaeontologists here seem to be enthusiastic and confident about the importance of the find.

USED FIRE? Whether Promethus used fire or not the jaw he left behind has strengthened the numerous if not entirely well-connected links between modern races of Homo Sapiens and the creatures akin to the unspecialised apes of Kenya from which it is assumed they first began to emerge about 25 million years ago in the distant Miocene.

Professor Broom believed that Promethus had many human characteristics. He pointed out that in man the nerves of the nose pass through two bone-like or cartilaginous plates divided by a ridge of bone known as the crista. In a human crista, a deeply noticeable in the nose. In Promethus it is well developed.

Other fragmentary bones of this species were reconstructed and casts made and distributed to museums when the first relics were unearthed.

Professor Dart says it is gratifying to record that scarcely two millimetres of alteration is necessary to reconcile the assumed dimensions of the profile with that of the new jaw.

London, Feb. 23.

The Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, is to represent Great Britain at the opening of the new Bundestag in Bonn, which is to take place in Kharlampyev on March 1. It was officially announced here today.

Mr. Lloyd will leave London next Saturday by air for Bonn, and the plane on which he travels will make a stop in Cologne.

The Illinois Democrat prepared a resolution which would authorise the Secretary of State to carry on such a campaign.

Mr. Douglas commented that food made available to East Germans in Berlin's Western zone resulted in "one of the worst beatings Communism has taken."

He said the feasibility of sending balloons into the satellite countries was proved several years ago.

"The Communists do not pass up any effective propaganda weapon in carrying on their war against free governments, and I do not see why we should not use any means available to counteract them."

Mr. Douglas' resolution would authorise \$2,000,000 to finance the campaign, using surplus agricultural commodities held by other agencies.—United Press.

Russia Ready To Meet Atomic War

Moscow, Feb. 23. The Chief of Staff of the Red Army and famous World War II commander, Marshal Vasilii D. Sokolovsky, said today Soviet forces had adopted new techniques to meet the threat of atomic warfare.

(He made no claim that Russia has tactical atomic weapons, it was noted in London.)

His statement in an article on the Government newspaper, Izvestia, was one of many comments marking Red Army Day—the 13th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Army.

Soviet Army leaders in speeches and newspaper articles emphasised Russia's desire for peace, but at the same time emphasised her preparedness to "meet aggression."—Reuters.

The First To Cross Cook Straits In A Canoe?

A former Tottenham schoolboy, Mr. Basil McCoward, 30, thinks he may be the first Englishman to have crossed the Cook Straits, between North and South Island, New Zealand, by canoe.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. McCoward, of The Drive, Bounds Green, think so, anyhow. Basil is an engineer working for the New Zealand Government.

He took the front seat in a two-man canoe 17½ long and 3½ wide, in a journey some 30 miles long.

WIERD STORIES These Straits are renowned for their turbulent waters and for being stormy.

The canoe was named after Captain Cook. On the way, Mr. McCoward pointed out several small islands and reefs, and said he had seen a few seals.

18 Die From Food Poisoning

Manila, Feb. 24.

Eighteen persons died and 80 others were seriously stricken ill as the result of food poisoning during a house feast yesterday in Dinale town, Cebu province.

The government physician reported that the victims ate native turtle delicacy. Among the victims were children.—France-Press.

France Wants To Resume Talks On Saar

Paris, Feb. 23. The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, has suggested, in a letter to the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the resumption of talks on the Saar and other Franco-German problems. Foreign Office officials said today.

The rich industrial Saar territory is politically autonomous but has an economic union with France. Its population is mostly German speaking.

The last discussions over the territory's future were held by Dr. Adenauer and M. Bidault during December. Dr. Adenauer was quoted then as saying that negotiations had reached a concrete stage.

Reliable quarters said French ratification of the European Defence Community treaty still depended on a settlement of the Saar problem.

France's main demand is that the Saar remain politically independent of Germany and stay economically linked with France.

Official's View

"US Warnings Should Deter Further Chinese Aggression"

Chicago, Feb. 23.

The United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, made these points in a speech to the Chicago World Trade conference:—

- The Berlin talks had proved that Soviet Russia had not changed its basic world strategy.
- The conference however had "closed gaps in Western unity."
- "The Chinese leaders could not contemplate further aggressive moves" following American warnings to their leaders.
- The military situation in Indo-China is favourable.

Mr. Smith described the Berlin discussions as a Western victory which had healed policy rifts between the United States, Britain and France, and had exposed Soviet policy since the death of Stalin as a continuation of its strategy to extend Communist power wherever possible.

He said the United States had no intention of changing its view that it recognised the existence of the Chinese Communists "simply as the malevolent force that had been fighting and trying to destroy our own existence."

Mr. Smith reiterated the warning by the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, that new aggression broke out in Korea and Indo-China, the result would be "grave consequences" which might not be confined to these areas.

"The Chinese leaders cannot now contemplate further aggressive moves in either area with the assurance that their maximum risk is limited to such casualties as may be sustained by their so-called volunteers," he added.

"This should deter any aggressive adventures by the Chinese Communists."

OPTIMISTIC

Mr. Smith said he was optimistic that the French plan for deterring the Communists in Indo-China would be successful and he described as "greatly exaggerated" the reports of extensive desertions by Vietnamese troops.

"We do not give enough credit to the French for what they have done in Indo-China," Mr. Smith added.

He said that it was not surprising there was considerable sentiment in France for a negotiated settlement, but he praised the French Government for being able to resist this pressure.

"It has been sustained by the support of those who know that France's prestige as a world power is at stake and who recognise France's responsibility to her Allies of the free world."

DULLES REPORT

Mr. Smith said Mr. Dulles is reporting to Congress today and will report to the nation tomorrow (Wednesday) on Berlin.

"I do not want to anticipate this full report, but I can say the conference nevertheless achieved a major advance in international politics."

Mr. Smith said when the focus of East-West discussions centred on the Orient, they touched an area where there remain some sharp divisions of policy among the free nations, "both in our own country and abroad."

"The discussions in Berlin led to agreement on a political conference to unite Korea."

"It links Korea and Indo-China because they are both areas where Communist aggression has resorted to force to gain its objectives."

"IF IT FAILS..." If the April conference at Geneva failed, it would expose Communist intention even more clearly.

"We are withdrawing two American divisions from Korea but this will not reduce United Nations combat power in Korea because the American divisions will be replaced by two new Korean divisions. At the same time, our mobile naval, air and amphibious forces are being further developed."

"The difference is in the emphasis on national forces for national defence."

"The military situation in Indo-China is favourable. Contrary to some reports, the recent advances made by the Vietnamese are largely real estate operations."

They undoubtedly had some effect on the Vietnamese and Laotian people and they are no help to the French, he said, but "tactically the French position is solid and the officers seem confident of their ability to deal with the situation."

SOME HEADWAY

On the political and psychological fronts, "despite the advantage with which our enemies usually start in struggles of this sort, we have been making some headway," he added.

"It is essential that the Vietnamese people and the people of Laos and Cambodia as well be convinced that they are fighting for their own freedom, not for colonialism," Mr. Smith said.

"Very soon representatives of the Governments of Vietnam and of France meet in Paris to draw up the treaty, which will complete Vietnamese independence. A similar treaty is already being signed with Laos and one is in prospect for Cambodia."

"I think that the signing of these treaties, of independence should, convincing the people of the Associated States that the French Union forces are the forces of freedom."—Reuters.

Millionaire Deported

Manila, Feb. 24. Chinese millionaire Gregorio Gochole headed a batch of Chinese deportees flown early this morning to Taipei aboard a Philippine Air Force plane.

The first C-47 left at 6.40 a.m. local time and the second aircraft, at 6.50 a.m. The group constitutes the first undesirable aliens to be banished from the Philippines under the Magway administration.

A Chinese Embassy official and security agents of the Army's Intelligence Service accompanied the deportees, whose names were not available till late last night.—France-Press.

'Reactionaries' Hamper Czech Output

Vienna, Feb. 23.

Czechoslovak President Antonin Zapotocky said today the authorities had only partly succeeded in preventing sabotage attempts by Czechoslovak and foreign "reactionaries."

Speaking on economic problems before officials of the National Front, President Zapotocky said the "activities of Western capitalist reactionaries" had made it difficult to fulfil last year's production plan.

"However there are no indications of a crisis as the foreign press continuously alleges," Zapotocky said, according to Prague Radio.

He said the coal output was still insufficient and could not meet the demand.

Czechoslovak's hard coal output in 1953 was 20,341,000 tons compared with 16,872,000 in 1952. The soft coal output had increased from 17,406,000 tons in 1952 to 32,783,000 in 1953.

Yet, he said, there was a serious coal shortage and traffic had had to be curtailed. Industrial plants to be closed down and the use of electricity to be rationed.—Reuters.

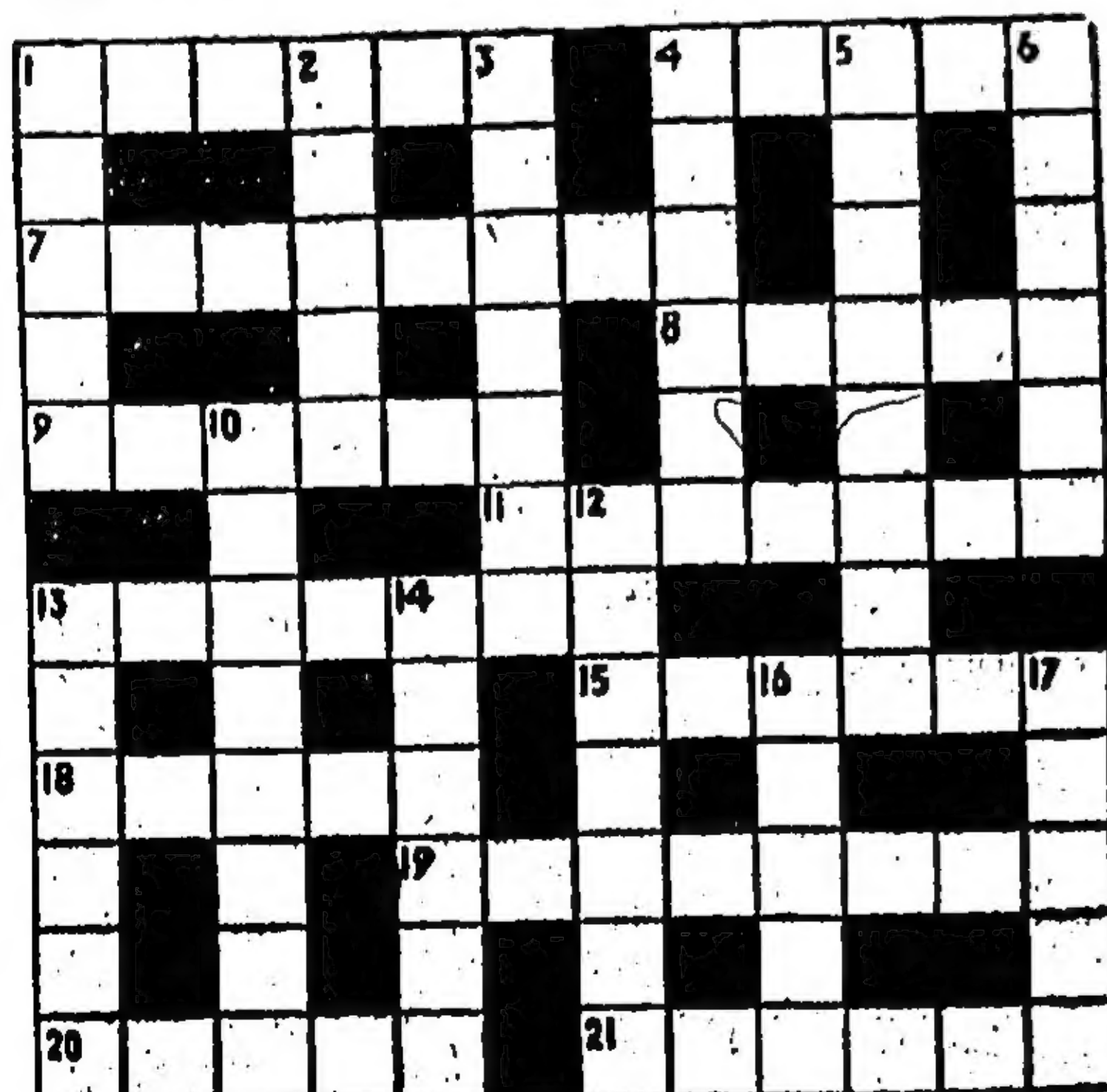
German Police Arrest Disturbers

Berlin, Feb. 23.

West German Police today arrested six men and a woman for distributing Communist leaflets calling Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, a "second Hitler" outside a factory in the French sector.

Rockets showered down similar leaflets on thousands of West Berliners going to hear Dr. Adenauer speak at a mass rally—the rockets were fired from nearby railway lines and stations in East Germany.—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Negligent (6).
- 2 Trick (5).
- 3 Decree (5).
- 4 Coalition (5).
- 5 Unruffled (7).
- 6 Keeps (7).
- 7 Strongholds (7).
- 8 Mortgage (6).
- 9 Apartments (5).
- 10 Ghastly (5).
- 11 Unity of heat (5).
- 12 Turbidity (6).

DOWN

- 1 Cheats (5).
- 2 Angry (5).
- 3 Earnest (7).
- 4 Subtract (6).
- 5 Exact (5).
- 6 Happenings (6).
- 7 Answer (7).
- 8 Values highly (7).
- 9 Floor covering (6).
- 10 Lingo (6).
- 11 Proportion (5).
- 12 Savoury (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Fair, 4 Advance, 5 Emir, 9 Club, 10 Replenish, 11 Area, 12 Edit, 14 Dresser, 15 Deter, 16 Prawn, 22 Echelon, 23 Arid, 27 Term, 28 Artiller, 30 Bull, 31 Evil, 32 Fortune, 33 Earl, 34 Dement, 35 Alms, 36 Reptile, 40 Alms, 41 Dreamy, 42 Atlas, 43 Cane, 44 Edge, 45 Inch, 46 Scar, 47 Band, 48 Dream, 49 Fumble, 51 Winter, 52 Cargo, 54 Bolt, 55 News.

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

IN The Sparrow's Nest The Sparrow and his wife were sitting on either side of their tiny fireplace reading little bits of newspaper they had picked out of a local dust-bin.

"Oh, what a smashing type he must be," said The Sparrow's wife, her heavy eyes bright with excitement. "I could kiss him, I could really."

"What has some poor devil done to deserve that?" asked The Sparrow.

"Haven't you read about the American robin who has flown the Atlantic?" asked his wife. "I wonder what made him do it?"

"Perhaps Senator Joe McCarthy was after him for un-American activities," said The Sparrow.

"You don't have to be silly about serious things," said his wife. "The paper says he had a high wind blowing up his tail all the way. Wasn't that lucky?"

"I don't know," said The Sparrow. "Perhaps he couldn't slow himself."

"His wife must be ever so proud of him. I wonder what she's thinking at this very minute?"

"I wouldn't know," said The Sparrow. "But the could be another reason for his flight."

"Oh, what an awful thing to say. Fancy flying the Atlantic to get away from your wife."

"Staying with her might have been worse," said The Sparrow. "Braving death alone, an hour after hour," said his wife.

"Better than braving loneliness conversation alone year after year," said The Sparrow. "But suppose he had been drowned?"

"Quicker than being suffocated by me," said The Sparrow. "Or frozen stiff," said his wife with a little quiver in her voice.

"More merciful than being bored stiff."

"You're jealous," said his wife. "That's what you are."

"I am," said The Sparrow, rising from his little armchair. "Three thousand miles is a comfortable distance."

"Where are you going?" asked his wife, a tear starting in her eye.

"Out," said The Sparrow. "You're not going to fly the Atlantic? Please don't do that."

please," said his wife, the tear rolling down her cheek. "I might," said The Sparrow. "If the prevailing Atlantic winds were from East to West."

There was a loud bang as he left home and landed in less than a minute in The Other Sparrow's Nest. The Other Sparrow, in a spider's web negligence, was putting the finishing touches of lipstick to her beak.

"That you breaking the sound barrier?" she asked.

"Who else?" asked The Sparrow. "I'd break the light barrier for you. Do you know what's on my mind?"

"With a mind like yours it's a cinch," said The Other Sparrow. "Have a drink then."

"Shall we fly the Atlantic together?" asked The Sparrow.

"What's wrong with a trans-Atlantic plane?"

"We would fly into the setting sun, with the wild sea raging beneath us and only the wings of love to bear us through storm and tempest to a safe harbour."

"For me," said The Other Sparrow. "I would prefer the wings of an aircraft. How's the wife?"

"O.K.," said The Sparrow. "You win. I'll have a drink."

Good Luck, Gilbert

AS Gilbert Harding is off on a sea voyage next month, and as I have gathered from occasional encounters with him that he also finds bores unbearable, I wonder if he would like to know how I went into action against these pests the last time I crossed the Atlantic?

Since you can't leave a ship at sea, unless the bores drive you to suicide, the only certain way of avoiding them is to stay in bed. But as staying in bed won't do Gilbert's health any good, I will have to get up and face them before the trip is over.

For a few days he will be able to avoid them because bores are recognizable at a distance. They are the people who are up early in the morning tramping the deck, filling their lungs with ozone, asking the crew silly questions, and trying to organise deck games. They are known by their bright, eager glances, their good morning, offensive friendliness, and passion for useless information.

When Gilbert is finally cornered it will be no use trying to drive them away with glares or sharp answers. Bore never take offence and never understand sarcasm.

Therefore, when they try to interest him in sailing ships, asking what kind of ships they are, their gross tonnage, displacement or dead weight, their nationality and possible destination, he can use my standard reply, which is as follows:

"Not only do I know the gross tonnage, displacement and dead weight of that ship but I can also see its name at a distance of five miles with the naked eye. Built at Barkingside in 1921 it is called 'The Jolly Fanny Adams' and is bound for Porto Bello with a cargo of old salted bones which the natives of that district eat with relish, believing them to be the kind of smoked salmon they serve in the tourist class."

"The captain's name is Harold Blakely," blurted out a sea dog who has a kind heart, beneath an extremely rough exterior. He is in love with a beautiful Chinese stowaway called Mae O Ma, who is a Communist agent for the North Korean navy. Little does he know that there is a time bomb in the hold and that the ill-fated crew will never reach Porto Bello."

If this sort of thing doesn't chase them off a back-to-the-wall method is to pretend you are a cardsharp.

Take out a pack of cards and say to the bore, "Ever seen marked cards? If diamonds are a girl's best friend these are the best friends of a crook like me."

The bore will sprout the story round the ship. The next time you want to be alone ask, in a loud voice, "Would anybody care for a game of bridge?"

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"We're not letting Mr. Molotov be overwhelmed by cheering crowds of enthusiastic East Germans — like Queen Elizabeth and the enthusiastic Australians..."

London Express Service

REPORT ON THE ATOM.....FIFTH DAY

BOMB STOCKPILE STAVED OFF WAR

By Gordon Dean

Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53

AT the end of the long, bustling atomic energy production line, with its far-flung exploration parties, remote mines, futuristic plants, and booming construction activity, lie the secret locations where our national stockpile of atomic weapons is stored. These weapons are the end product. They are what all the activity is about and what the production line is for.

There has probably been more talk about atomic weapons than about any other phase of atomic energy. Yet there is probably less real understanding of what atomic weapons are, what they can do, and how they affect us, than there is about any other part of the atomic energy programme.

Contradictions

It is not unusual to hear such contradictory comments as the following:

"The atom bomb is the most horrible and fiendish weapon ever devised by man. It's almost fun for us to go on making them."

"The A-bomb doesn't amount to much; why, those soldiers out in Nevada were right up beside an explosion and weren't hurt at all. They were laughing when it was over."

"Did you see where the atomic energy people blew up a whole island in the Pacific? Why, they wiped it right off the map!"

"Atom bombs are bad all right, but if you live a couple of miles from the nearest target, you'll be okay."

"The Russians ever decide to let go on us with A-bombs, there won't be a thing we can do except clobber them back. Civil defence is just a waste of time."

Hollywood Juniors Follow Father

From EVELYN IRONS

HOLLYWOOD calls them "Juniors." They are the sons of film actors who are following in their fathers' footsteps. And a tour of the studios shows that there are plenty of them.

Now being featured in a film with Maureen O'Hara is Noah Beery, Junior, son of the big man of the silent screen. He starred at the age of four. Now he is ranked among the top stars of the screen.

Only one of Hollywood's famous juniors has deserted the screen for the lure of TV. He is the little "Junior" who is the star of the TV show "The Little Rascals."

Joel McCrea's son is a movie actor too. "Jody" McCrea, aged 19 and a college boy, will soon be seen with his father and Yvonne De Carlo in a new film.

Not everybody remembers that Tyrone Power is a "Hollywood Junior." His father, Tyrone Power, senior, was an actor in silent pictures.

At 21, John Barrymore, Junior, is a carbon copy of the "Great Freddie." And his off-screen adventures make the headlines just as his father's did.

time—like throwing sand on a volcano.

"What I never could understand is why we didn't use a few A-bombs in Korea. We could have blasted those Reds right out of those hills and back to China."

"A-bombs are like poison gas; both sides have them and both sides are afraid to use them."

"The H-bomb? I want to keep my sanity; let's talk about baseball."

The Explosions

Some of the misunderstanding about atomic weapons is probably due to the small amount of experience the public has had with them. Fortunately, none has ever been exploded in the United States except under controlled test conditions. Of the at least forty-nine that have been detonated in various parts of the world, only six have been connected with the atomic energy programme or armed services of the United States, Great Britain, or the Soviet Union. Here is a chronology of the atomic explosions that have taken place throughout the world up to the time of this writing:

1945: Total of 3, all by the U.S. at Alamogordo, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki.

1946: Total of 2, both by the U.S. at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

1947: None.

1948: Total of 3, all by the U.S. at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

1949: Total of 1, by the U.S.S.R. "somewhere in the Soviet Union."

1950: None.

1951: Total of 18, including 12 by the U.S. in Nevada, 4 by the U.S. at Eniwetok, 2 by the U.S.S.R.

1952: Total of at least 11, including 8 by the U.S. in Nevada, at least 2 by the U.S. at Eniwetok, 1 by the British at Monte Bello Island, Australia.

1953, up to July 1: Total of 11, all by the U.S. in Nevada.

Of all these, only the ones at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, the two at Bikini in 1946, and one each in the 1952 and 1953 series in Nevada have been seen relatively close up by official observers. This is not unfortunately, a very broad base upon which to build an accurate public understanding of atomic weapons and their capabilities. There will be more "open" shots, and there should be.

To date, two atomic bombs, and only two, have been used as weapons of war. They were used, not as so-called "tactical weapons," against troops in the field, but as "strategic weapons" against the power of an uncommitted nation.

to make war. They were used by the United States, and they were delivered by aircraft operating in skies over which we had won control and against an adversary who was not capable of retaliating either in kind or in any other effective way against our homeland.

As a result of the use of these bombs, two Japanese cities of moderate size were destroyed, with 100,000 fatalities, and six days after the second attack the Japanese nation, which had previously given every indication that it would continue to resist even an invasion, surrendered.

It is generally accepted as a fact that there was a direct relationship between these two events, and I am one of those who believe this to be true. I believe this, not because the destruction wrought by the atomic explosions at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was so great as to cripple the Japanese war machine to the point where it could no longer continue to fight—because it obviously wasn't—but rather because the United States had demonstrated that it possessed an awesome destructive new weapon and was capable of using it.

Perhaps if the Japanese government had known the exact size of our stockpile, in August 1945 (after the attacks, it was virtually non-existent), they would not have surrendered so short of an invasion. But they did surrender. This fact, I feel, has ever since had a direct bearing on the way in which atomic bombs have been viewed, not only by the peoples of the world, but also by a good many of the world's military strategists and diplomats, including some of our own.

The Japanese surrender, then, found the United States in the uniquely favourable position of being the sole possessor of a weapon that was almost universally credited with a capacity to destroy cities on a ratio of one bomb per city, and to end wars on a ratio of two bombs per war.

It is an interesting and, I think, complimentary comment on the character of the American people that our principal reaction to this turn of events was one of acute embarrassment.

Many spokesmen for the American scientific community stated candidly, "We had been entertained, grave misgivings about the role they had played in unleashing this terrible new force upon the world."

The atomic bomb was often called "the absolute weapon," the forerunner of "Armageddon," and "the ultimate of all wars." Many of our most eminent clergymen and civic leaders openly questioned the morality of using such an obviously horrible weapon, and an unprecedented number of United States citizens voiced their misgivings.

On the good side was the fact—and I am among those who firmly believe it is a fact—that our atomic monopoly and our stockpile of bombs for strategic use was a deterrent to the Russians in that it made it impossible for them to commit the irrevocable act that would bring on all-out war. They tried to do just about everything they could get away with short of bringing on all-out war. Our atomic stockpile, therefore, probably more than anything else, brought the free world safely through the postwar years when we were woefully weak in conventional arms.

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WHITEAWAYS ECONOMY DAYS

UNTIL SATURDAY

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SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Joe Kennedy, 26-year-old West Bromwich Albion centre-half and former captain, has asked for a transfer. After losing his place in the first team due to injury, Joe played in the second team. Last Saturday week he was not even included in the reserves. Came the request for a move.

With the Cup and League double in their sights, Albion will not be keen to part, but Kennedy wants to join a club that can give him a regular place in their League side.

After joining Albion as a wing-half, Kennedy was switched to centre-half and was immediately successful. He developed so rapidly that he was strongly tipped for a cup.

Then he lost his place due to injury, and Jimmy Duggdale who played for the Football League at Manchester the

Wednesday before, took his chance so well that Kennedy has been unable to regain his place.

Kennedy joined Albion from Chelsea League club in 1948, a bargain buy at £750.

Leeds United approached Brentford about the possible transfer of centre-half Wally

Bragg. Brentford want £15,000. That is too high for Leeds who hoped for an exchange deal.

Hull Town have granted the second request of their speedy outside-left, Derek Priestley to be placed on the transfer list.

FOUR LUMPS

The scene is a railway dining-car. The Torquay players are travelling home from Coventry. Player-manager Eric Webber listens attentively as two girls at an adjoining table talk hockey tactics.

"Just slips of girls," mutters Eric, "but they have a grasp of their game that many hulkish soccer men might envy. 'I'd like to join in—only they might question my authority to speak on defence in depth after hearing we've lost 0-4. What a coach one of them would make.'"

Webber glances at the girls. "Just look at that," he says as one sweetens her coffee with four lumps of sugar.

"Sugar for energy. She knows her game."

And the 6ft. Torquay boss carefully drops four lumps into his own cup.

NO. 1 UTILITY MAN

George Marks, the Reading and former Arsenal international goalkeeper, must be favourite for the tag of Soccer's No. 1 utility man.

He gives coaching lessons to the young players at Elm Park, plays for the third team in Hampshire League football, and helps Reading Rowing Club with their training.

On Saturday he turned out in the left wing, scored a goal, moved to centre-forward, then finished the game at left back.

Cyell Trigg, Birmingham City full back or centre-forward, who joined the club in 1935, is due for his third benefit next year.

Stratford-on-Avon, who aim to join the Birmingham Combination next season, have offered Trigg the job of player-manager.

But Trigg is waiting till the end of the season before deciding. Chances are that he will complete 20 seasons with Birmingham.

MORE SETTLED

Sunderland will not let centre-half Ray Daniel go until they have signed a successor. Daniel asked for a transfer last month.

Another Sunderland man, inside-forward Len Shackleton, is more settled. He has now two businesses in Sunderland, and his mother and father are moving into the town, having bought a house.

Following in father's footsteps—Tony Boyes, 18-year-old son of Wally Boyes, the former England international (now manager of Redford Town), who played for Albion in the 1935 Cup Final. Tony is to have a month's trial at the Hawthorns.

Remember Sammy Weaver, the wing-half with the prodigious throw-in who played for Hull City, Newcastle United, and Chelsea?

He has been appointed head groundsman to a firm with a sports ground in South London. Since his playing days ended Weaver has been assistant trainer to Leeds United and trainer-coach to Millwall.

Weaver still plays cricket—he was once on Derbyshire's ground staff, and played two games for Somerset before the war finished first-class cricket—and expects to turn out for the team whose ground he tends.

THE METHOD

When Millwall right back Alex Jardine scored his fifth penalty of the season last Saturday week, he became joint second in his club's list of League scorers.

Jardine has missed only one spot kick in the last two years. His method: "Hit them hard on the iron stanchion to the right of the goalkeeper."

"Does he practise penalty kicks?" "Never," says Jardine. "It's easy enough to kick from the spot on a Sunday morning. Anyone can do it. But Saturday afternoon is a different matter. It's a bit of a nerve."

Floodlit Soccer

London, Feb. 23. Results of friendly soccer matches played tonight by floodlight were:

Roeholme 3, Third Lanark 1. Crystal Palace 4, F. C. Wilm (Austria) 3. (London Express Service)

FOUR-MINUTE MILE AT IBROX PARK ON JUNE 12?

By "MAC"

The athletic dream of the years has been that some day, somewhere, somebody will run a mile in four minutes.

Now the experts are betting that it will be done this summer in Britain. And the place and date they name as most likely—Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on June 12.

This optimism comes from the decision of Australian crack John Landy to race three times, Landy, 30-year-old, and the Americans, Wes Santee and Mel Whitfield, are likely to join in a four-minute bid at the Glasgow Police Sports.

Landy, Bonister and Santee have, among them, run six different mile races in less than 4 mins. 3 secs. in the past year. Whitfield, world half-mile record holder in 1 min. 48.6 secs., is now training with the role of doing a four-minute mile.

Whitfield would probably be paid £100 for the first half-mile (1 min. 50 secs.). Landy would lead to the three-quarter mark (2.59), and the four of them would go flat out for a 50 secs. last quarter. That adds up to a mile in 3 mins. 58 secs.

THE MOMENT

The moment Eddie Carson has been waiting for since he was a youngster of 20 arrives on Wednesday, Feb. 24, somewhere around nine in the evening, in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. There he meets Peter Keenan in the run for the first time—with the Carson-Buntanweight Championship of Scotland at stake. And it is all but three years since Eddie of Edinburgh first dined Keenan to trade punches for the title—just after the Glasgow boy had beaten Denny O'Sullivan for the British crown.

TEAMS FOR GEORGETOWN TEST MATCH

Georgetown, Feb. 23. John Wardle, 31-year-old Yorkshire slow left-arm bowler will make his first Test appearance of the tour for England in the third Test against the West Indies which begins here tomorrow.

The inclusion of Wardle, who replaces Charles Palmer, is the only change from the side which played in the first Test. The team is Hutton (captain), Bailey, Graveney, Watson, Lock, Compton, Evans, Statham, May, Truman and Wardle.

Wardle took nine wickets for 150 runs in the MCC match against British Guiana here last week.

The pitch at the Bourda Oval here is one of the best in the world. It does not wear at all so the only real advantage in winning the toss is psychological.

Painadeau was dropped from the West Indies side today because of a damaged hand. His absence means that Robert Christiani, captain of British Guiana, will make his first appearance in the series.

The West Indies team for St. John's (captain), Worrell, Walcott, Weekes, Holt, Valentine, Ramadhin, Atkins, McWall, Gomez, and Christiani.

West Indies won the first two matches in the five-match series—China Mail Special.

KEN SMITH Show Talking

This Louis Fight WILL Be Staged

Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber," who reigned as World Heavyweight Champion for longer than any other man, will soon be putting on his boxing gloves again—and in Britain.

But he is not planning a ring comeback. Joe is going on the stage. He signed up to star in The Square Ring, under the auspices of John Wildberg and the American Negro Theatre Guild.

A few weeks ago Louis approached Wildberg in New York and said: "If you can make an actor out of me, I'm your boy."

Now Louis is coming to London next month to rehearse with an all-star cast—probably most of the members of the present Anna Lucasta company at the London Hippodrome.

GIRLS ARE INCLUDED

When Ralph Peterson's boxing play was originally presented at the Lyric, Hammersmith, two years ago, it was an all-male production. Then Ealing Studios made a film version which introduced a female element.

Now Peterson, an Australian, and Joel Rioridan, husband of skating-star Belita, have rewritten the play to include female parts.

Present plan is to co-star beautiful negress Isabelle Coolidge, now portraying Anna Lucasta, as the feminine interest to ex-Champion Louis.

The play will have a provincial tour before coming to the West End.

But it is the "It" in Joe Louis's remarks to Wildberg that holds the key to "when" you will see the play.

For Joe is a notoriously shy character, and not given to talking much. The idea of learning a long stage part rather frightens him.

Says Wildberg: "I'll make an actor out of him whether I have to wait a month, six months or a year."

I wish you luck, Mr. Wildberg, for a year is an awfully long time to wait as being an expensive wait.

EVEREST AGAIN

Hollywood, perhaps a rife jealous of the success of Britain's Conquest of Everest film (it is picking up awards all over America), are planning an Everest epic of their own.

To be titled Sabre Tooth, 20th Century-Fox plan a CinemaScope picture with Sherpa Tensing in the cast.

Production is due to start after the monsoon period this autumn. Background footage is already being shot from planes flying over Everest.

Described to me as "an unusual love story with a sort of science-fiction background—it is about a wealthy woman in search of a molar from the extinct sabre-toothed tiger, and her professional aide—it will probably have Gregory Peck playing the guide and Susan Hayward as the woman."

ANY ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN?

STARDOM AHEAD Edmund Purdom, the young English actor who supplanted

Mario Lanza in The Student Prince, is to get a big lift along the road to stardom.

He is to be teamed with Jane Powell in a romantic comedy, Athena; then he becomes a dashing highwayman in The King's Thief, originally planned for fellow-Englishman Stewart Granger.

After this he co-stars with Ava Gardner in The Biblical drama The Prodigal.

After which, I presume, British studios, who ignored him in the past, will be ready to

offer huge sums for him to film in Britain.

BET ON BRANDO

Mister Roberts, which has been on the verge of sailing the cinema seas ever since 1948, now seems on the verge of being launched.

Latest news is that in May or June the World War II naval comedy-drama will go before the Warner cameras.

My bet is that Marlon Brando will get up off his psychiatrist's couch in time to play the harassed lieutenant of the title.

Dead Or Alive

By HENRY LONGHURST

Having recently emerged, like sundry thousands of other golfers, from an enforced hibernation, I come to the conclusion that golf is really a remarkably easy game. All you have to do is to leave it alone for a couple of months and you cannot go wrong.

The first drive—at Porthcawl and in a stiffish wind at that—flew like an arrow up the middle, the second was tossed nonchalantly up within a few feet of the flag, and the only surprise was that the occupants of the club house did not immediately dash out under the impression that it was Cotton.

The still small voice, ever present to prick the balloon of the temporarily inflated golfer, whispers that surely this has happened before. It has, often—and never with more pathetic results than when, in an interval from being taught to drive an Army truck by a young fellow who had been born in the year when I took out my first driving licence, I managed to squeeze in nine holes at the North Shore club at Blackpool.

CARELESS RAPTURE

Here, with six borrowed clubs and attired in collarless Army shirt and the kind of plimsolls in which manufacturers of golf shoes could prove it impossible to play at all, I sailed round 34 against a par of 36—and at once sent for my own clubs.

The very sight of them dispelled the first careless rapture and filled the mind with all the hints, tips, secrets, and other mental bric-a-brac by which one's game had been cluttered up in more leisurely days. I never again did better than 41, and it was almost a relief to be posted to a frozen barrack square at Salghatte, near Chester—perhaps the most admirably named camp in the second world war.

Once, years and years ago as it seems, I ventured to write a book on how to play golf—or

to do myself justice, how I thought the great golfers played golf.

As an alibi (and will purists please not write to the Editor as I claim the word to have now passed into the language in this crass sense) I started the various chapters with expert opinions which cancelled each other out.

Thus—Harry Vardon: "I am convinced that there is no such thing as a straight left arm..." Alfred Padgham: "Neither at the address, nor at the top of the swing, is my left arm without a slight curve..." Bobby Jones: "I play a straight left arm on all full shots from the time the club has started back to the point where the ball has gone..." Gene Sarazen: "Without the straight left arm it is well-nigh impossible, etc...."

Out of all the confusion there emerged one conclusion which has hardened into a certainty—or had until just the other day—namely that for all the great golfers of all time the hands are what Vardon called the "chief point of concentration."

You may do this with your left hip or that with your right, finger-nail, but the only link between your mind, which initiates the business, and the club head, which finishes it off, is your hands.

Sarazen, to my mind the ideal model of golfing simplicity, confirmed this: "The great player plays golf with his hands." I remember him saying: "The average player tries to play with his head. He is thinking of 50 different things. His brain bothers him. It is congested with ideas."

Can anyone, on watching Cotton, doubt that his hands lead and the rest follows? Or, to quote the redoubtable Sam Snead, on some of his pupils, "I can't help but think that, if some of them tried to bring a fork up to their mouths the way they try to take a club on the back swing, they would starve to death."

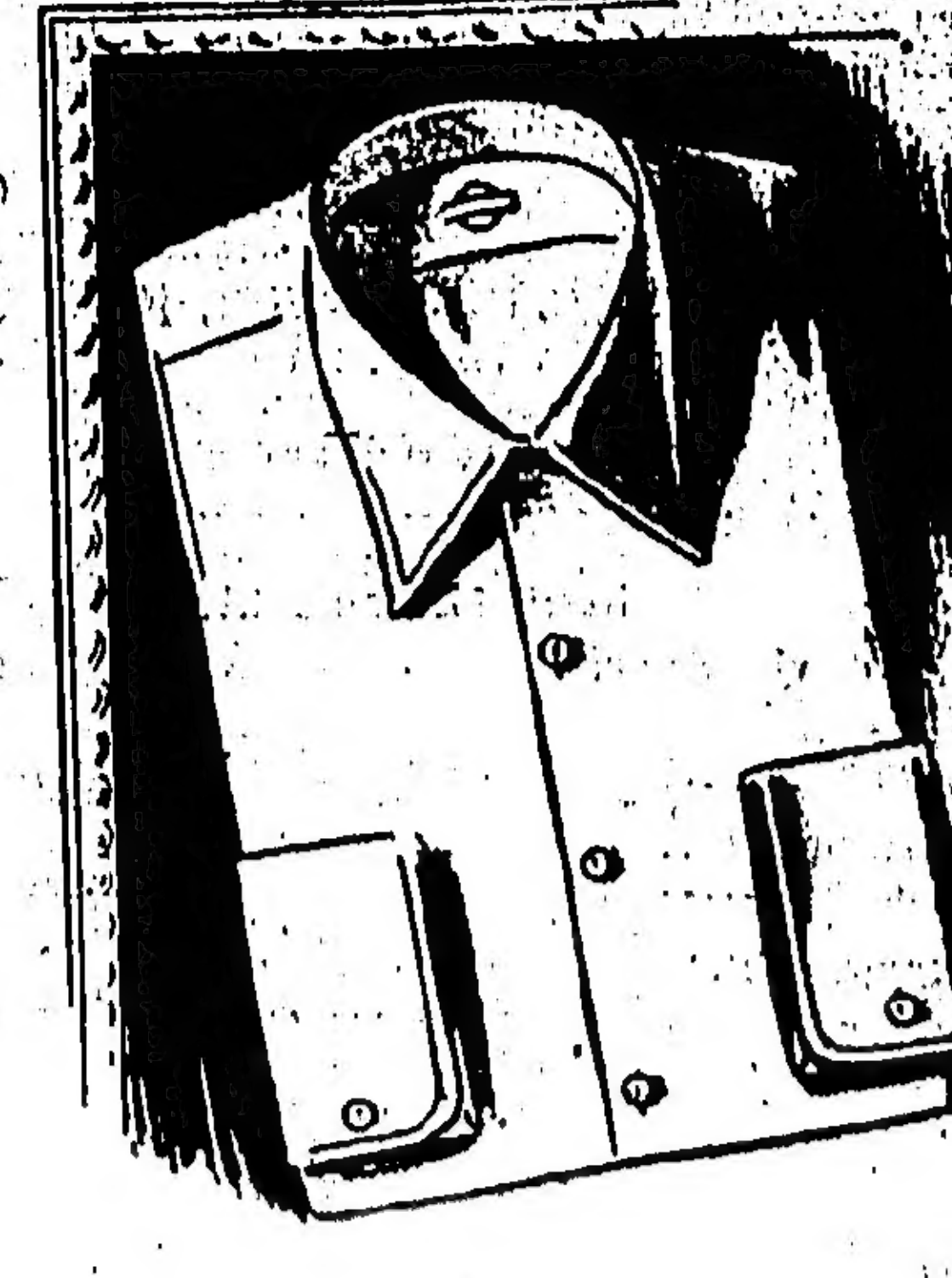
NORMAL MEDIOCRITY

This simple theme is surely the answer to why you scintillate after a long absence and then, as the brain begins to intrude, sink invariably back to the normal mediocrity.

Your hands look after the grip (how many knuckles showing? Not the slightest idea), your hands look after the stance—"You're getting in your own way again, Mr. Longhurst," I seem to hear dear old Fred Robson saying—your hands, if you let them, look after everything.

Or so I thought, until I read of an American professional taking a lesson from "a man of such thundering power and sterling scoring ability that he is ranked near the all-time top." And what was the great man's secret?


After two columns of the usual platitudes and turgid jargon, it ended in two words—Dead hands. And the great man's name was Sam Snead. A remarkably easy game, I thought, but then I read the rest of the article and found that Snead's hands were not dead, but that he had a "dead" grip, which meant that he held the club so firmly that the club head would not move until the hands had moved.



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SIR GORDON'S SON TO BE ASSISTANT TO NOEL MURLESS

By A Racing Correspondent

Sir Gordon Richards' son, Peter, who has just completed three years learning to train racehorses with Paddy Prendergast at the Curragh in Ireland, has been given the important post of assistant trainer to Noel Murless at Newmarket.

Murless, who trains for the Queen, has the most powerful stable in the country for the coming season, with 80 horses of the highest grade.

Sir Gordon is first jockey to the stable and Peter will come into close contact with his father in all his work. However, Peter has often given his father the "leg-up" before, for Sir Gordon rides the Prendergast horses whenever he can.

During his time in Ireland, Peter has learned an immense amount about the business from every angle. He rides out both lots in the morning and leads the two-year-olds in most of their work.

He has become one of the leading amateur riders in the land and has won one of the two races in which he has ridden in England.

EARNED HIGH PRIZE

During last summer when Prendergast was in America and later on holidays, Peter had full charge of the stable and earned high praise for his training. He was particularly successful in training the two-year-olds, which is the most able deputy to Prendergast.

gast assures me he has makings of a really great trainer.

Peter Richards would have preferred to wait until the ban on the Prendergast horses in England had been lifted before making a change.

But this type of offers does not come often on the threshold of one's career, and when it comes there is no time for delay. Prendergast, at great personal loss, has advised, may almost forced, Peter Richards to accept this golden opportunity which may never be repeated. Peter has agreed.

One thing I have learned from the Curragh and Newmarket, Peter Richards has built up a reputation as a trainer in the three years he has been in England. He has been successful in training the two-year-olds, which is the most able deputy to Prendergast.

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Germany Vies With UK In Shipbuilding

London, Feb. 24. Germany ousted Japan as the world's second largest shipbuilder in 1953 and is now challenging Britain for top place, according to Lloyd's annual summary of merchant ship launchings, published here today.

The world output for the year continued its steady postwar rise. The total of 5,059,084 gross tons (4,359,370 tons in 1952) was, except for the war period, the highest figure recorded since 1920. More than 1,140 ships were launched.

Britain remained the biggest builder launching 1,317,463 tons—an increase of 14,915 tons over the previous year. But her share of total world output declined to 25.9 per cent.

In the number of vessels launched—220 last year compared with 254 in 1952—she took second place to Germany. German production rose by 298,049 tons to a total of 818,221 tons (244 ships)—giving her 16.1 per cent of the world output.

Ship launchings in Japan during 1953 fell off by over 50,000 tons to 557,339 tons (10.0 per cent of the world figure) though the number of vessels rose by 24 to 110.

Japan was the only major shipbuilding nation where production dropped.

The United States held fourth place as a world shipbuilder with a total output of 828,307 tons (10.4 per cent of the world tonnage) representing an increase of 6,782 tons. Ships launched numbered 98. Sweden ranked fifth with a record figure of 494,022 tons.

The total 9.5 per cent of the world tonnage showed a rise of 3,273 tons over 1952.

The Netherlands also achieved her highest ever ship production, launching 341,513 tons—45,408 tons more than in 1952. Italian and French ship yards ranked seventh and eighth in the production register both reached record tonnage totals.

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Latin American Countries Meet Next Week

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 23.

The American Republics will have a wide field for discussions when their representatives assemble here next Monday to begin their 10th Inter-American conference.

The agenda for the conference consists of 28 topics, covering juridical-political affairs, economic affairs, social affairs, cultural affairs and organizational and functional affairs.

The Latin American Republics are interested especially in the economic aspects of the agenda in which the United States will be their target. This is because of their desire for greater assistance from their northern neighbor in developing their economy, at least partly with public loans, and their hopes for assurances that prices for their raw materials will be sufficiently high, preferably guaranteed, so that they will have the dollars with which to buy manufactured products they need from that country.

But many of them, especially Argentina and Guatemala, also are interested in the colonial question, a topic on which the United States is somewhat touchy.

While the Washington Government has insisted it in no way supports colonialism, it feels a strictly inter-American conference such as the Caracas conference is not the place to discuss it because of the European overtones.

Besides, the United States is a close ally of the four European colonial powers, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Denmark.

The right of political asylum also is an important one, as the Latin American Republics, with the exception of Mexico, have been in the habit of granting it to political refugees from the United States.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Mailbag Robbery

LONG ago, when the only interest criminals seemed to take in mailbags was in the manufacture of them, which they undertook without much joy while in prison, Ernest began a loose sort of association with the Post Office.

He drove a van for a firm that had among its contracts one to carry the mails.

Ernest did his job well enough, and when the Post Office took over his van completely, he went with it, and became a civil servant, a Post Office motor-van driver.

He must have read, as most have, of the way mailbag robberies have reached epidemic proportions, and he must have pondered the chances the thieves had of getting away with the proceeds of their raids.

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As a married man, with two children of school age, Ernest must have weighed these chances carefully in his mind, and to judge from what followed, he evidently decided there was a fair chance, at any rate, of getting away with them.

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IN THE KITCHEN

"We have information," they said, "that you have withheld certain packages you should have delivered."

"That's right," Ernest said. His tone was grim and his demeanour apologetic.

"Where are these packages?" they asked him.

"Got 'em at home," Ernest answered. "They're in the kitchen."

The security men hurried off to Ernest's kitchen, where they found the stolen packages. They also found some Post Office lead seals, used for locking up mailbags.

NEVER AGAIN

A POLICE officer went into the witness-box to tell Mr. Rowland Thomas, QC, the magistrate, the story of Ernest's crime. "He has no previous convictions," he said, "and was earning a basic wage of £7 a week, though his weekly average was between £9 and £10."

"What have you got to say?" the magistrate asked Ernest.

Ernest played with the ends of his moustache for a moment, re-arranged the warm blanket scarf he wore, then took the plunge and said: "Awfully sorry about this, I faithfully promise I'll never do it again."

"But if we can't trust the people who drive the mail-vans, who can we trust?" asked the magistrate.

Ernest did not know, or if he did, chose not to say.

HIS HAUL

INSTEAD, "Promise faithfully, never again," he repeated. "Well, we'll see about that," said the magistrate. "A man who betrays public confidence in this way? Still, I'll reward you for a week in custody, to consider the matter."

Ernest went readily off to the cells. The police, looking pleased that a mailbag thief had been brought to book, carried off the proceeds of his crime: five 2s. sample packets, five 10s. sample packets, five 10s. sample packets, five 10s. sample packets.

Victim Of Communist Brutality Testifies

Washington, Feb. 23. A Marine flier said today he never broke under physical and mental abuse by the Communists because "their price was too high."

The flier, Lt. Col. William G. Thrash, was decorated recently for his conduct as a war prisoner in Korea. He testified before a Marine court investigating the case of Col. Frank H. Schwable who signed a false garn warfare confession after long torture by the Reds.

Col. Thrash, former Georgia Tech football star, was a prisoner for nearly two years, eight months of it in solitary confinement. He said he was beaten and promised better treatment if he co-operated.

But though he suffered periods of "frustration, indignation and despair," he managed to keep from breaking because "their price was too high."

Lt. Col. Thrash said the Reds showed him Col. Schwable's confession.

"I have the utmost sympathy for Col. Schwable, having undergone what I had been through," he said, adding:

"It was very disturbing, I thought that having forced such a statement from him they'd probably dispose of him."

Col. Schwable's attorneys plan, when their turn comes, to present testimony by another famous war prisoner—Major Gen. William F. Dean of the Army, the highest officer captured by the Communists.

An earlier witness today, Lt. (J.G.) Andrew L. Riker, 25, said he resisted demands for a garn warfare confession during 10 days of Communist questioning but didn't know how much longer he could have held out.

—United Press.

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Wins Big Contract

Montreal, Feb. 23. Canadair Ltd. announced today that it had been awarded a \$185,000,000 contract by the Canadian government to build 60 Bristol Britannias.

The company disclosed that the initial order would be for \$85,000,000 for an unrevealed number of military versions of the plane, to be used as Marine reconnaissance bombers.

Canadair is the Canadian operating subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation of New York.

The commercial version's four turbo-prop engines will be replaced with 3,350-horsepower engines to give the military plane longer range and slower speeds for reconnaissance work, according to J. Geoffrey Notman, president and general manager of Canadair.

Mr. Notman predicted it would be about six months before Canadair begins to place orders for materials but that engineering work would begin at once. The Britannia programme is expected to extend over four years.

As a commercial airliner the Britannia carries 100 persons. It is understood the military version may be fitted with bomb bays and equipped to carry depth charges and rockets. Also, it is believed that heavy machine-guns may be installed in the wings—United Press.

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Radio Hongkong

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